

Airlines look for code of ethics, fight illegal practices

By K. S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — The Board of Airlines Representatives (BAR) has called on international airfares to take the initiative of formulating their own code of ethics for eradicating malpractices.

The appeal was made by leaders of the airline industry at the 177th BAR meeting held here Sunday to discuss and approve the by-laws of the Yield Improvement Committee for the Kingdom, a subsidiary of the International Airlines Transport Association (IATA) fare deal monitoring group.

Civil Aviation President Brig. Yusuf Amin warned that "the Presidency of Civil Aviation cannot remain a silent spectator to the unethical practices of international airlines. Appeals and warnings made in the past to take positive steps to deal with the situation have gone astray. But the authorities in the Kingdom are not in favor of taking unilateral action as we believe that the airline people should themselves take the initiative of formulating their own code of ethics."

Amin re-emphasized the need for abiding by the agreements signed between the Kingdom and all the governments whose national carriers are operating from and to Saudi Arabia, and their pertinent rules and conditions in the interest of all.

"The Saudi Arabian market used to be one of the cleanest until very recently when it remained plagued by the malpractices like many other markets. It is difficult to pinpoint any single reason for this malice but one obvious reason could be the tremendous traffic growth in the Kingdom and the increase in the number of carriers operating to meet the needs," Amin observed.

"We have been very fair and liberal in granting traffic rights as today the number of operating carriers has grown to over 40 compared to only 20 a decade ago," he said. "At this rate the growth of traffic will be around 18 million passengers by 1985 into King Abdul Aziz International Airport itself. Imagine the magnitude of malpractices for this traffic and the consequential revenue dilution if strong measures and checks are not taken."

Meanwhile, Amin said the PCA has decided to give full support to the Yield Improvement Committee and two senior officers have been assigned to work in close cooperation with the committee and assist them in finalizing their by-laws.

The committee is at liberty to frame its own rules and regulations, keeping in view local and international rules. But once the committee finalizes the by-laws, the authorities will take steps to get them approved. Consequently, these rules and regulations will enjoy the legal status and will be honored as the law of the land with full legal force, Amin declared.

He held out an assurance that the objective is not only to safeguard the interests of "our national carrier" but the interests of all other parties as well, since he firmly believed in the importance of the survival of the airline industry as a whole. No single airline can survive in isolation, he added.

In his speech, Capt. Ahmad Mattar, director general of the Saudi Arabian Airlines, who also addressed a press conference later, said he believed that henceforth there will be no chance for exercising any malpractices that will be detrimental to the interests of the national carrier and interests of other carriers for the benefit of others.

"This may result in due course in reconsidering the existing relations between Saudia and the other airlines operating from and to the Kingdom in the light of mutual interests of all parties," he added.

Capt. Mattar said during the last IATA annual general meeting he had on behalf of Saudia advocated that eradication of mal-

practices was the main solution to the survival of aviation industry and "I had given all assurance of our fullest cooperation to IATA in their efforts to devise ways and means in this direction."

Most of the points proposed by Saudia were accepted and reflected in the final resolution adopted by IATA, Capt. Mattar said adding that the IATA then asked all members to ensure adherence to tariff integrity in the market they operate.

"Now all of us are committed to ensure the regulation of local market activities to ensure their conformity with government-approved tariffs and practices. This machinery in the Kingdom will have every legal protection by the Kingdom's government as without its active help and support no action, however sizeable and forceful, will bring the result which the industry really needs today," he said.

"I do realize that elimination of malpractices is a difficult and long term process but I am confident that all of you will keep it up and exert every possible effort to clean the industry," he said.

BAR Chairman Saad Gabbani said the main objective of the day's meeting will no doubt concentrate on the coordination and fruitful cooperation to safeguard the interests of all airlines operating from and to the Kingdom with the full cooperation of the national carrier, the Saudi Arabian Airlines, which will spare no effort and provide all the possible assistance to achieve the desired objective.

The meeting will no doubt fulfill the earnest desire of all present to safeguard the Saudi market and protect it from any illegal acts or malpractices. This may result in achieving positive results in the interest of all and also in allowing honest competitive levels in the frame of mutual confidence under the IATA umbrella and the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO), Gabbani said.

He said a preparatory meeting for the Yield Improvement Committee was held in Dhahran several weeks ago which was attended by IATA market research officer B. Brady. Some articles of the by-laws put before this meeting were reviewed but the committee could not discuss them in detail and deferred them for further discussion during the day's meeting.

Capt. Mattar had displayed the strong position of Saudia in the annual general meeting of IATA held in Geneva last November. The proposals included in his speech were welcomed and adopted unanimously by all international airlines and considered to be positive efforts to eradicate malpractices, Gabbani said.

Brady said IATA, through its fare deal monitoring survey, had indicated three major malpractices in the airline industry — discounting, excessive commission to IATA agents, and paying money under the table. In this context, the meeting should consider certain positive steps — agree that corrective action is necessary, define the problem areas, agree on priorities, and set reasonably achievable goals. The aim in the beginning should be to reduce malpractices if not altogether eradicate them.

John Hanlon, British Airways' manager for Saudi Arabia and Yemen, said at all recent IATA conferences, the key to airline profitability in the present worldwide economic situation has been emphasized as being in control of costs and management of yield.

"As field managers, if we are really honest, I believe we have to admit that there is more that we could achieve, particularly in the area of yield. The formation of the Saudi Arabia Yield Improvement Committee at our November meeting in Dhahran is, therefore, a very welcome initiative, and one deserving the fullest and most active support of all carriers," Hanlon said.



BAR'S 177TH MEETING: More than 100 members attended the Board of Airlines Representatives' 177th meeting in Jeddah Sunday.



END MALPRACTICES: Airline industry leaders participating in the 177th meeting of the Board of Airlines Representatives in Jeddah Sunday which called for ending malpractices. Second from left: External Affairs Vice President Rady Hakeem, BAR Chairman Saad Gabbani, Civil Aviation President Brig. Yusuf Amin and Rafat Tallav, general manager IATA affairs.

Ten-member Italian group seeks joint ventures, exports

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — A group of Italian industrialists from Turin, the heart of Italian industries, arrived here Saturday on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom to explore the possibilities of forming joint ventures, exports, appointment of agents and distributors.

The ten-member mission sponsored by the Association of Turin Industrialists is headed by Dott. Dagoberto Brion, chief of the service and development of new establishment of companies, and assisted by Dr. Alberto Caligari Cappio, in charge of export promotion at the association.

Companies represented on the mission include Intercamp for building construction; Civer for chemicals; Lactor for foods; Cartier Reguzzoni for paper; Carpenterie S. Giorgis for mechanical; Gabisalba for electro-mechanical; and Xelon for plastics. Team leader Brion told *Arab News*, the group is one of the old associations established 1906, has 2,630 member firms representing 32 different industries. Industrial production in the area represents nearly 10

percent of the total production in Italy and its share in the export is around 15 percent. "We will have meetings with members of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, representatives of the Industry Ministry and with the Italian Ambassador, in addition to individual meetings with importers, Brion said.

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Lufthansa given transport magazine 'airline of the year' award for 1982

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — Lufthansa German Airlines has been awarded *Air Transport World's* "Airline of the Year Award" for 1982 according to Mukarram A. Khan, an airline spokesman here.

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SAFCO builds 253 units, increases output

By Shabib Oraikat
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ALKHOBAR, Jan. 23 — The 253-unit housing area for Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Company (SAFCO) employees was inaugurated here Saturday by Minister of Electricity and Industry Dr. Ghazi Algosabi and SAFCO Chairman and Managing Director Mahmoud A. Taiba. The opening ceremony for the SR188 million complex took place at the recreation center and was attended by members of the SAFCO board of governors, a large number of local dignitaries and company employees.

Dr. Algosabi, in opening remarks at the ceremony, commended the hard work put in by SAFCO employees and said the new housing complex was a well-deserved reward for their efforts. He praised the superb production and performance of the SAFCO plant, which claimed the 'King's Award' for the



Dr. Ghazi Algosabi

Algosabi tours E. Province health centers, announces new projects

DAMMAM, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the acting health minister, inaugurated here Sunday the fever section at the central hospital.

The minister, who was touring the health centers in the Eastern Province, said that the **IDF** plans loans for date factories

RIYADH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — The Industrial Development Fund (IDF) will grant loans for canned-date factories under a special program announced here.

According to a decree issued recently by the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Muhammed Aba Al-Khalil, the fund will supply the factories with loans reaching 60 percent of the total costs, with SR16 million as a maximum amount for each project.

The program, the 11th of its kind in the Kingdom, is designed to encourage investment projects with the aim of raising the people's standard of living.

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King Fahd receives Civil Service Board review report

RIYADH, Jan. 23 — King Fahd has received a report from the General Civil Service Board on its activities over a four year period, from 1978 to 1981, Okaz reported Sunday. The report also dealt with the

UNICEF opens donation account in Saudi banks

RIYADH, Jan. 23 — The United Nations' children's Fund (UNICEF) has announced that it will now accept donations for the children's welfare in the following Saudi Arabian banks and their branches.

- A The Saudi-American Bank, Account No. 1190008 in riyals and Account No. 2900130 in dollars.
- The Saudi-British Bank, Account No. 21-00740-01.
- Riyad-Bank, Account No. 82/31
- The National Commercial Bank, Account No. 213428

Donations can be addressed also to Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz AGFUND president and UNICEF representative or to the fund directly in its Riyadh office. It is requested that an accompanying note of 'Khaleeg International Bank-UNICEF' program should accompany the donation.

board's trends and plans under the Third Five-Year-Development Plan.

According to the report, the over-all development boom in Saudi Arabia made it imperative to expand the administrative machinery and develop it. Efforts have been intensified in this direction since the establishment of the Council of Ministers in 1952 since then, the state's role in propagating services gradually increased along with its functions and responsibilities.

Foremost among the obstacles that had to be faced was the shortage in specialists in the various fields to cope with the new activities. Then a new situation arose where the number of officials was constantly on the increase without meeting the required standards.

At the outset of the 1980's it was obvious that the success of the development plans was closely related to the efficiency of the administrative machinery. Hence a comprehensive administrative reform plan was drawn up, in 1963 in the following major fields: personnel affairs—organization and method; financial and budgetary affairs—training —, and public works.

The Higher Administrative Reform Committee was then set up under the chairmanship of the King and senior officials. The committee's task was to organize the administrative bodies. A preliminary committee was then established to examine the issues submitted for study.

Lebanon, Kingdom share concerns; Helou appreciative, pays tribute

BEIRUT, Jan. 23 (SPA) — A Lebanese deputy has expressed appreciation for Saudi Arabia's positive role and effective contribution toward accelerating a solution for Lebanon's crisis and enabling the country to recover its full rights and sovereignty over its territory.

The deputy, Pierre Helou, paid tribute to the intensive efforts made by Saudi Arabian

leaders to support Lebanon and defend its rights, interests and sovereignty.

He said in a press statement that his recent meeting with leaders from the Kingdom had given him a strong impression what concerned Lebanon also concerned Saudi Arabia.

and that Saudi Arabian leaders would spare no effort to help restore normal life to Lebanon.

SR2.5m allotted for Ahsa projects

AHSAA, Jan. 23 (SPA) — The social service center here is currently engaged in a number of services including cultural, health, agriculture and women's activities.

Director Khalifa Al-Naim said that the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs contributed SR2.515,460 to finance these projects.

He said that the center is currently implementing a project for improving residential areas in some villages at a cost of SR300,000 and will spend an additional amount of SR240,000 on a similar project for improving residential areas in the two villages of Qara

Eastern Province water projects are awarded

DAMMAM, Jan. 23 (SPA) — A national company has been awarded a SR3.9 million to carry out water and sewage projects in the Eastern Province according to Water Department Director Abdulla Babtaan. The projects involve extending 15,000 meter long pipes and the maintenance and operation of

water networks in Alkhobar and Hofuf.

Another SR3.1 million was granted to a national company to operate and maintain water projects in Ahsa and Hofuf. And SR3.8 million was allotted for building a branch office in Oatif and another branch in Khafji at an estimated cost of SR4.7 million.

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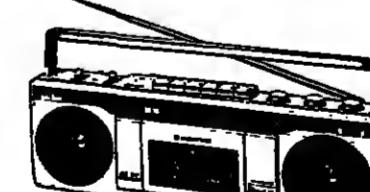
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To students

China offers incentives for working in villages

PEKING, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Students who volunteer to work in rural areas will be given preferential treatment when they apply to enrol in higher education establishments, the New China News Agency reported Saturday.

The policy was outlined by Deputy Education Minister Huang Kunhai at a national conference on secondary education in Kunming, south China, NCNA said. Huang said that from this year, entrance standards would be lowered for students willing to practise medicine, teach or work in the agricultural sector in the countryside, where 80 percent of China's one billion inhabitants live. Students who ask to return to their home village will be given special priority, he added.

Work units will also be encouraged to draw up training contracts with universities and other higher education institutes in which the cost of training will be borne by the work unit instead of the state.

Huang recommended that some secondary schools run special preparatory courses for model workers and "those who have done meritorious services to the country." The reforms are in line with a five-year plan to raise the number of university graduates to 1.5 million by 1985.

Announcement of the reforms coincided with what seems to be a renewed campaign to modify working conditions for specialists in China. The English language *China Daily* has

Hijacker wanted to die, mother says

PORTLAND, Jan. 23 (AP) — The mother of a retarded man who was shot to death after hijacking a jetliner said he did it because he wanted to die.

"He got on that plane to get killed," said Lena Tripp, mother of hijacker Glen Kurt

Philippines rebel attack kills 8

MANILA, Jan. 23 (AP) — Communist rebels attacked a constabulary camp in the southern Philippines, killing a company commander and seven troopers and wounding three others, published reports said Sunday.

This brought to 38 the number of people killed in raids and ambushes in various parts of the Philippines this month by guerrillas of the New People's Army, military arm of the banned Communist Party. Previous casualties included two lieutenant colonels, both of them battalion commanders. Manila newspapers said the latest incident occurred Friday when the guerrillas, armed with automatic rifles and grenade launcher, attacked the constabulary camp in Cagayan, Surigao Del Sur, 864 kilometers southeast of Manila.

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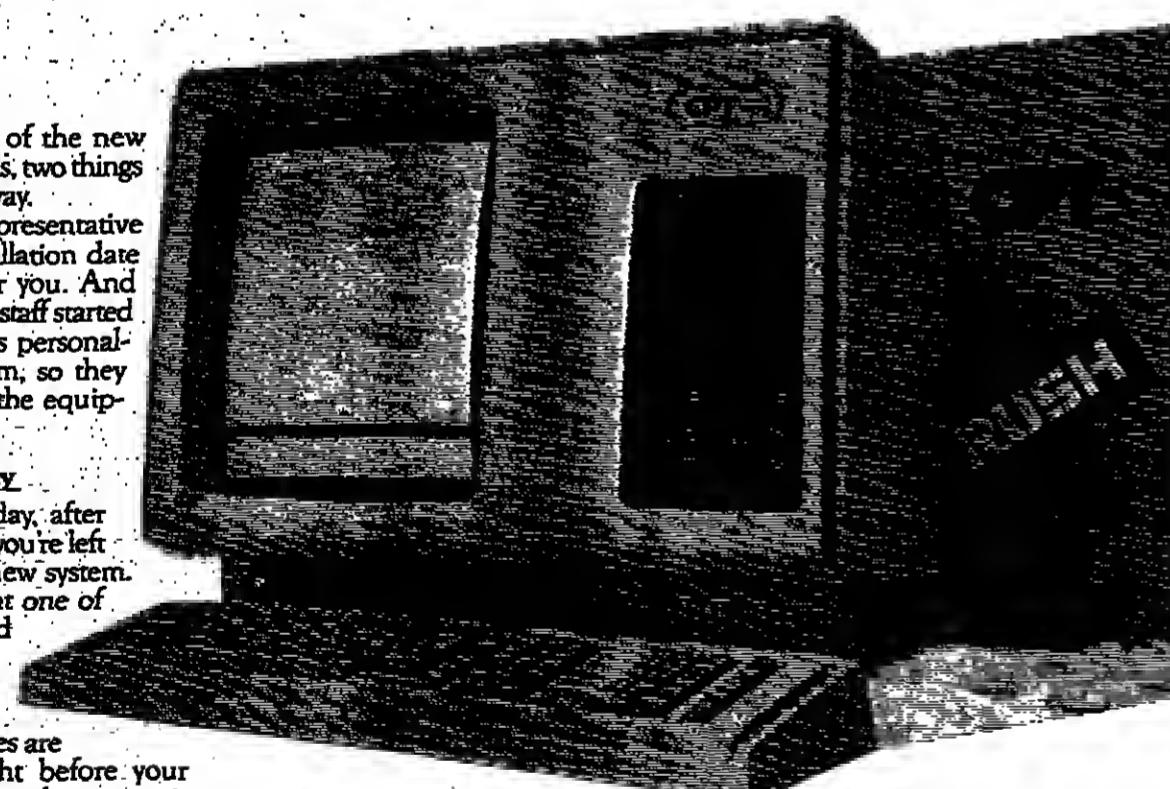
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Rebels destroy equipment in Zambian town

HARARE, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Anti-government dissidents have destroyed government construction equipment worth about \$40,000 near the southern town of Gwanda, a government spokesman said here Saturday.

The equipment included a tipper, a tractor and trailer caravan and a water tank and was being used to repair a dam wall in the drought-stricken area. The spokesman said six dissidents armed with automatic rifles and a rocket launcher ordered government employees at the site last Wednesday to remove all personal items from the caravan and fill it up with government property instead. The dissidents then set fire to it.

Meanwhile, the 4.2 million members of the Chinese Army were urged once again Saturday to "get rid of the leftist influences" of the 1966 to 1976 cultural revolution by the army daily *Liberation*.

The daily reprinted a two-year-old article on the subject by former deputy chief of general staff, Gen. Yang Yong, hinting that the problem was still far from being resolved. The army daily is unavailable to foreigners, but the article written by the general, who died recently, was also reprinted in *The Guangming Daily*.

The People's Daily, added that a top Chinese leader had recently called on the army's party disciplinary inspection officials to show themselves "fearless and objective" in their work.

VALLETTA, Jan. 23 (R) — Zimbabwean Prime Minister Robert Mugabe arrived in Valletta Saturday on a two-day visit to Malta. Mugabe, who is accompanied by five of his ministers, held talks with Prime Minister Dom Mintoff.

He also met Zimbabwean students at the University of Malta. Mugabe leaves the island Monday. Mugabe arrived in Valletta from Algeria, his first stop on a three-nation tour which will also include a four-day visit to Tanzania.

A joint communique at the end of Mugabe's visit to Algiers said Algeria and Zimbabwe shared concern at "the persisting tension in northeast Africa and risks of an internationalization of the Western Sahara conflict because of intervention by extra-African powers," the Algerian news agency said.

Polisario volunteers are fighting Morocco for the independence of Western Sahara and Algeria has repeatedly criticized agreements under which Morocco is to grant U.S. transit facilities in the region in case of an emergency. The agency said Mugabe and President Chadli Benjedid also expressed concern at "renewed tensions" in world relations.

They expressed determination to preserve the Organization of African Unity as "a privileged forum for consultation and action to resolve African problems." Both sides condemned the "aggressive politics" of South Africa.

Malaysian opposition urges abolition of death penalty

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 23 (AFP) — The execution of a 25-year-old Malaysian farmer here this week has again turned the spotlight on Malaysia's stringent Internal Security Act and other emergency regulations, which have come under fire from human rights advocates in this country and abroad.

Lim Kwong Yeow was executed despite last-minute pleas for a stay of execution. He had been sentenced to death by a high court in the southern town of Mau in September 1980. He was no murderer. His crime was that he was found in possession of one bullet and a component part of a .32 magazine.

Despite the outcry over the tough emergency laws, government sources told AFP Saturday that they would remain in force as long as necessary to cope with the Communist threat and the increasing drug menace. A campaign for the abolition of the mandatory death penalty under the regulations has been stepped up by members of the legal profession, the opposition and civic groups in the wake of the recent spate of executions.

The number of those sent to the gallows under the ISA and other emergency regulations has reached 35 since April 1980, with the hanging of four persons this week. Fifty other prisoners on death row include 30 sentenced under the ISA and 20 criminals and drug offenders.

The ISA, which came into force in 1960 at the end of a 12-year Communist insurgency, was originally intended to deal with the remnants of the guerrilla movement who fled into the jungles on the Malaysian-Thai border. The act was amended with the provision of a mandatory death sentence for unlawful possession of firearms in 1975, following the slaying of several police officers and other senior officials by urban guerrillas.

BRIEFS

FORTALEZA, Brazil, (AFP) — Thousands of starving peasants have invaded the three major townships of the state of Ceara, in north-east Brazil, in search of food and work, it was reported here Saturday. An ongoing drought has ruined the state's agricultural production, driving thousands of people out of work and on the brink of starvation.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Sikh leaders Sunday announced they have agreed to begin talks here Monday with government and opposition representatives on a solution to the Sikh demand for autonomy for their state Punjab. It will be the first time since the Sikhs started to press their demands that Indian opposition leaders have joined talks here.

NAIROBI, (AFP) — The only member of the Ugandan parliament from the party of rebel guerrilla leader Yoweri Museveni has been stripped of his seat by the high court.

Kampala radio monitored here reported Saturday that Crispus Kiyonga's seat was declared vacant because he had missed more than 30 consecutive sittings without permission.

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Burma and Thailand have failed to reach an agreement on their border demarcation. Thai officials said Sunday after two days' talks here between Burmese Deputy Foreign Minister U-Tin Ohn and his Thai counterpart Arun Phampong.

NEW YORK, (R) — The United States is seriously considering lifting its ban on arms sales to Argentina while maintaining a similar embargo against Chile. *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — The Indian federal government plans to increase the strength of its special police force to counter increasing numbers of Hindu-Muslim riots in the country. Also, the agency went on, sexual assault, violence and crimes to do with automobiles were mostly a male preserve.

Benin closes Nigeria border

LAGOS, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Benin Saturday closed its border with Nigeria to everyone except its own nationals in the wake of the Nigerian decision earlier in the week to expel all illegal immigrants, a diplomatic source said here.

Many persons being expelled from Nigeria, in particular those originating from Togo and Upper Volta, were believed to have been forced to return to Lagos as a result of the Beninese decision, the source said. Saturday's move by Cotonou might be temporary and could help find a solution to the problem posed by the numerous Ghanaians leaving Nigeria, he added.

Ghana's border with Togo, Benin's western neighbour, has been closed for several weeks, and neither Benin nor Togo would be in a position to receive the huge number of Ghanaians affected by the Nigerian move. A Ghanaian diplomatic source said only two boats were expected to arrive in Lagos Monday to help evacuate Ghanaians and that they were not expected to be able to take more than 600 to 800 persons.

Charles said planning visit to Falklands

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles is to visit the Falklands next month. London's *Daily Express* newspaper reported Saturday.

Buckingham Palace refused to confirm or deny the report, saying it was "speculation." Because of possible attack from Argentina, officials never announce in advance visits by British VIPs to the disputed South Atlantic colony 640 kms off the Argentine coast.

The Express said the heir to the throne wanted to make the 12,870-km round trip because he was so impressed by the courage of the 1,800 British-descended islanders and British forces who recaptured the islands from Argentina last June 14.

The newspaper said Charles, 34, planned to follow the same route as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on her Jan. 8-12 visit to the Falklands. This means flying in a Royal Air Force VC-10 to the nearest British possession, Ascension Island, and making the final 4,800 kms leg in a RAF Hercules transport.

Czech women commit 15 percent of crimes

PRAGUE, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Women are responsible for only 15 percent of crimes committed in Czechoslovakia, Cetnka news agency reported Saturday.

The reason why 85 percent of criminal acts were committed by men, the agency explained, was that women less frequently ascended to the kind of senior positions where economic crimes could be perpetrated.

The most widespread type of lawlessness in the country. Also, the agency went on, sexual assault, violence and crimes to do with automobiles were mostly a male preserve.

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Ethiopia vows support to Namibian fighters

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — Ethiopia will remain on the side of the Namibian people in their struggle against oppression and racism, Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam said here Saturday.

The "frantic deeds" of South Africa and imperialism to stop Namibian independence or deter the political, social and economic aspirations of other peoples were doomed to failure, he said.

Lt. Col. Mengistu was speaking during a meeting here with visiting Namibian nationalist leader Sam Nujoma, who was briefing him on the situation in Namibia, according to official reports.

Nujoma told the Ethiopian leader that South Africa, which administers Namibia in defiance of the United Nations, was resorted to all means available to delay the territory's independence and to attack neighboring African states. But the freedom struggle in Namibia was being intensified, despite the "conspiracies and provocative acts" of the regime in Pretoria and its close ally the United States, he said.

Nujoma, president of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), arrived here Friday for a two-day visit to Ethiopia. He is due to fly to Peking Saturday in search of what he has called "war material" from the Chinese authorities.

Elsewhere, the United Nations Council for Namibia this weekend accused the United States of acting in an "unwarranted and improper" way by rejecting the council's

acceptance of the statutes of the international Atomic Energy Agency in the name of Namibia.

In a statement Friday, the council said the U.S. procedure "reflects the political view of one party to the statute which ... is thereby seeking to frustrate or delay the implementation of a decision taken in due and proper form by the supreme organ of the agency concerned."

The general council of the agency Sept. 26 last year approved the admission of Namibia, represented by the council, to the agency, and on Oct. 4 the council deposited its instrument of acceptance in the name of Namibia. But on Dec. 16 the United States rejected this instrument on the ground that according to

the agency's statutes only governments have the right to make such an act of acceptance.

In its statement, the Council for Namibia said that its representation of the South African-administered territory had been widely recognized internationally since it was set up on May 19, 1967 and that no other body was currently competent to represent it.

The statement recalled that South Africa's mandate to rule the territory expired Oct. 27, 1966 as a result of a decision by the U.N. General Assembly, and that its continued presence in Namibia was declared illegal by the International Court of Justice June 21, 1971. The council said that it already represents Namibia to numerous other specialized U.N. agencies, such as the Food

and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Labor Organization (ILO), UNESCO and the Telecommunications Union, and is an associate member of the World Health Organization (WHO).

It also pointed out that it has signed for Namibia two open multilateral treaties intended for states only — a convention for the elimination of racial discrimination and a convention for the suppression and punishment of the crime of apartheid.

The council called on all governments party to the International Atomic Energy Agency's statutes which have already decided to admit Namibia as a member to try to make the United States register its instrument of acceptance without delay.

Salvador agrees to return body of American newsman

NEWARK, New Jersey, Jan. 23 (AP) — A headless body that may be that of a missing American journalist will be returned from El Salvador early next week, a Congressman returning from the war-torn Central American nation said Saturday.

Robert Torricelli, who took office three weeks ago, returned Saturday night from a four-day trip to El Salvador that he undertook on behalf of the family of John J. Sullivan. The 26-year-old writer vanished Dec. 28, 1980, after registering at a San Salvador hotel. He had journeyed to the country to write a story on the internal strife there.

Hudson magazine.

Sullivan's family has unsuccessfully presented the American and Salvadoran governments for an explanation of his whereabouts or location of his body. Last summer, an anonymous letter sent to the American Embassy in El Salvador told of a headless body matching Sullivan's description that had been buried outside the Salvadoran capital.

Until now, the Salvadoran government had allowed the body to be examined but refused to release it. Dr. Frederick Zugibe, the medical examiner hired by Sullivan's family, said a look at X-rays indicated the corpse could be Sullivan's.

U.S. names giant missile cruiser

FASCAGOULA, Mississippi, Jan. 23 (AP) — The guided missile cruiser *USS Ticonderoga*, touted by the U.S. Navy as the world's most sophisticated warship, was named Saturday.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger declared that "a vital part of the Reagan defense program is to revitalize and expand our navy to 600 ships. The commissioning of *The Ticonderoga* is now our 512th ship and is an important step and milestone toward that goal."

The ceremony was at Ingalls Shipbuilding, which built the cruiser for \$1.25 million. Its missiles will add another \$70 million to its cost. *The Ticonderoga* is equipped with the Aegis radar-computer network that will enable it to maintain surveillance over 200,000 square miles and detect, track and target hundreds of incoming air, surface and subsurface attackers simultaneously, the navy says.

The Aegis enables the ship to monitor activity in all directions simultaneously and was developed by the navy and RCA Corp. Adm. James Watkins, chief of naval operations, said *The Ticonderoga* "is probably the most sophisticated warship in the world today."

"This ship moves our navy one step closer to the maritime superiority this nation needs to fulfill free world commitments, a goal we are committed to achieving before decade's end," Watkins said. However, the ship was built on a 1969 hull design for Spruance class destroyers and was planned in anticipation of bulky sophisticated electronic equipment.

Congressional critics have said the ship would be slow and unstable because of the heavy equipment, but the navy said recent sea trials showed otherwise. *The Ticonderoga*'s missiles will be armed with conventional explosives although they are capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

Lyndon Johnson's mentor passes away

HOUSTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — George Rufus Brown, the construction magnate who played an important role in the rise of the political career of the late U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, died Saturday at age 84.

Brown and his brother, Herman, founded Brown and Root Inc. from a small road-building company into one of the world's biggest construction conglomerates. Brown amassed a fortune valued from \$75 million to \$100 million, making him one of the wealthiest men in the United States.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital. The cause of death was not immediately known, but a Brown and Root spokesman said Brown had suffered a heart attack recently. Brown was one of Texas' most generous philanthropists, giving millions to Rice University and Southwestern University. The Brown brothers were instrumental in the rise of Johnson from a first-term Congressman representing a sparsely populated central Texas district to the presidency.

Brown and Root built a number of dams for the Lower Colorado River Authority in Texas. In 1940, a \$90 million naval air station was built at Corpus Christi and Brown and Root was one of the contractors. Just before the United States entered World War II, the Browns went into shipbuilding business.

Dark Crystal wins French film award

AVORIAZ, France, Jan. 23 (AFP) — An American animated film starring Marionettes, *The Dark Crystal*, won first prize here Saturday at the 11th Avoriaz fantasy film festival. The film was made by Jim Henson and Frank Oz.

Special jury prizes were awarded to *Le Dernier Combat* by Frenchman Luc Besson and *Battle Truck* by Hailey Cokiss, an American. Best acting prize went to Barbara Hershey of the United States for her performance in *The Entity*. The award for suspense went to *Le Demon Dans L'Ile* by Francis Leroi of France.

The French film *Le Dernier Combat*, by Luc Besson, won the critics award. The Golden Fantasy Antenna, sponsored by French television, went to *The Entity* by Canadian Sydne Furie and to *The Beastmaster* by American Don Coscarelli.

A French film, *Star Sabot* by Stephane Drouot, won the gold medal for best short fantasy film. The prize for best fantasy cassette went to *An American Werewolf in London* by American John Landis, and the best fantasy book was *La Cendre Et La Foudre* by Frederick Tristant of France.

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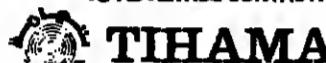
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WHO BLAMES WHO

There is a large element of sensationalism in Western media reporting and official reaction to the plight of the Soviet nuclear-powered satellite which is falling apart. It could have happened to an American satellite and may do so any time.

There are thousands of satellites in space serving the military purposes of the two powers. They are nuclear-powered and any one of them may someday trigger a disaster. As long as nuclear energy is used in powering satellites and generating electricity here on earth, the possibility of leakage will always loom large. The Soviet Union is not the only country to blame for polluting space and using it for military purposes.

OVERSAMPLIFYING

In a frank interview with *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat*, President Mubarak of Egypt lamented the present state of Arab unity — or disunity — and said that it was largely responsible for the continued arrogance of Israel.

He quoted former President Carter as saying that Arab-Arab quarrels were more ferocious than the Arab-Israeli dispute. The Arabs have been divided and have taken special measures to weaken themselves. They have engineered differences and even wars to keep them busy while leaving the Israelis at peace to do what they like in the region. Examples are the destructive Iraqi-Syrian dispute which has prompted the Syrians to impoverish Iraq by closing their Mediterranean oil terminal. Scores of billions of dollars have been lost by the Iraqis while the Syrians got nothing except the gratitude of Iran and that may be temporary.

At the same time Algeria and Morocco have been engaged in a large scale war in the North African desert with thousands killed and hundreds of millions lost in wasted armaments.

However, Mubarak may be oversimplifying the problem. Even if the Arabs combined all their resources and closed their ranks, would the U.S. allow them to regain their lost territories and retrieve Palestine for its legitimate inhabitants?

Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi Arabian newspapers Sunday frontpage King Fahd's forthcoming African tour and dedication soon. Yanbu Refinery geared to produce 56 million barrels a year. They also bannered the current meeting in Marrakesh of the Jerusalem Committee and the Arab Seven-Member Committee stemming from the Fez conference.

The papers also gave top billing to King Fahd's audiences with Syrian Chief of General Staff Al-Emad Hekmat Al-Shihabi and U.S. envoy Philip Habib. Prominence was also given to King Hussein's urgent talks in the Gulf; Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal talks in Marrakesh with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the meetings which opened Sunday in Geneva of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Al-Madina, commenting on the Jerusalem Committee meeting, said that the military option should not be left aside. Palestine was usurped from its owners by military force and the might of Jewish terrorism. Jerusalem was also brought under Jewish occupation following the Israeli invasion of the West Bank in 1967.

Okez also commended Yasser Arafat's meeting with three members of the Israeli-Palestinian Action for Peace Movement. It said that the Palestinian leader's decision was a wise, well-pondered and balanced one meant to transmit a specific message to the Israeli and American governments at once.

The OPEC meeting in Geneva was described by *Al-Nadwa* as the most critical in the organization's history, after the crisis of the recent months to fix the production quotas and price of crude oil. It said that the organization was seriously threatened by the oil glut resulting from the failure of OPEC members to abide by their own decisions. The paper said that OPEC ministers have to overcome the current crisis, because the tide will again change in favor of OPEC and its countries and people, if only the ministers could agree together. (SWA)

Mubarak urges Arabs to adopt good points in Reagan plan

By Muhammad Al-Shibani
Editor-in-Chief, *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat*

CAIRO — (EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the concluding part of the interview with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, by Muhammad Al-Shibani, Editor-in-Chief of *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat*, a sister publication).

Q. In the Fez summit, the Arab side had specified a peace plan. How do you assess the plan and the steps taken to support it?

A: The Fez resolutions are excellent and we wish we had reached the goals, but the plan needs a motivating force. The Reagan initiative has some positive elements and we have our own observations on it. Reagan is a power and we should benefit from this power because America is the life line of Israel. In the light of Fez summit, we should adopt what is good in the Reagan initiative through an encouragement to the American president so that we achieve what had been set in Fez. And this we can do on the negotiation table, for without it, the matter seems to be difficult.

Q. According to some analysis, the ice between the Cairo-Moscow relations has begun to break. Is there anything new in this behalf?

A: Of course, we should have balanced relations with all, including the Soviet Union, for it is a superpower which we cannot afford to ignore. We are a nonaligned nation exactly like India which has special industrial and economic ties with the Soviet Union but, at the same time, maintains its relations with the U.S.

Q. Is there any animosity between you and the Soviet Union?

A: None.

Q. Once you had said that restoration of normal ties with Moscow was subject to no interference in Egypt's domestic matters. When did it happen?

A: I did say so and there was almost no interference. However, this is a general principle in Egypt's foreign policy and question of exchange of envoys is a matter of time.

Q. How do you evaluate Egypt's relations with America? Has it fulfilled its commitments to Egypt in regard to the arms delivery programs and economic aids?

A: This aspect is all right. As regards the economic side, we have asked for flexibility in the use of assistance. Our country is just like Israel; it takes assistance in the form of checks and spends it as it likes. You know, every country has its own bureaucracy which retards progress in the process. Earlier, the aid used to come in the shape of specific projects. Now we are seeking freedom of disposal exactly as Israel does.

Q. This leads to a question on the nature of your forthcoming visit to America.

A: Basically, I was to pay an official visit to Canada. When the American president knew about it, he invited me to visit Washington en route. During the visit, we shall discuss economic issues as also the future of the Arab case and the next move. What has kept the Arab world in suspense now is the Palestinian-Jordanian accord.

Q. It appears they have reached an accord now.

A: If they didn't, everything will be lost. And, if no real progress was made from now until the end of this year, it would mean freezing of the situation anew because America would enter into elections and then every sincere endeavor to settle the crisis would cease.

Q. Would there be any coordination between you and the Jordanian-Palestinian side with a view to deriving benefit from your projected visit to America?

A: If they wanted coordination, we will welcome it. We will speak with the Americans but coordination would benefit more if we pressed the matter forward.

Q. Do you still believe that 100 percent cards for the settlement of the region's crisis is in the hands of America?

A: This is all politics. America has great influence over Israel, but there is a very important fact; we, as Arabs, are not able to agree among ourselves. We have to play unitedly all the cards in our hands and we have to do so well.

Q. On various occasions, you have called upon Yasser Arafat to recognize Israel as a natural basic, so it makes a direct official contact with America possible. Arafat opposes the idea considering it as the last "card" in his hand. Israel too opposed the idea and even said that it would not recognize the

PLO even if the latter did so. Are there guarantees that PLO's recognition of Israel would lead to an essential concession by Israel? Would you want Arafat to become "bare", as he says, if he played the last "card"?

A: I repeat we must play our cards well. Isn't it good to use the card at a proper time, and not to hold it until it becomes void? I believe this is the opportune time, and without negotiations it won't be possible for us to achieve anything. We ought to exploit the Reagan plan because America is the power round which the wheel of peace revolves.

Q. The late President Anwar Sadat had promised that 1980 would be the beginning for Egypt to make an exit from economic stress. Have you set any time limit for that?

A: He said this in 1976 or 77, as he had expected that after peace there would be a big leap in the economy. But I cannot specify any period. I have drafted a five-year plan and am seriously working on the development process. We have many problems such as sewage, electricity, water and housing. We are doing our best and we cannot do more than that. If any of our people have some alternative solutions, let him come forward and we will welcome them.

Q. Would you welcome Arab support for Egypt to surmount these problems?

A: I do not want to speak about this matter, so that our Arab brothers will think that we need them for the sake of assistance.

Q. Once you said that "Egypt has, since 1948, seen political leadership; it is now in need of economic leadership" and this is what I am concentrating on. You have several times emphasized on the need for "increased production". How far has the Egyptian government succeeded in this field?

A: In my opinion, we are going on the right path. Increased production is the only way to change the face of Egypt and solve its problems, and this is why we have drafted a five-year plan. We shall remain committed to it, and if any amendment is necessary, this will be done through correct constitutional means. This year, the industry will take 700 million Egyptian pounds for the first time, just to increase production. It is necessary for us to produce for self-sufficiency and export so that we earn foreign exchange and maintain the balance of payments with other countries.

Q. When the Arabs compare you with Presidents Nasser and Sadat, they find that each had gone his own way and specified a clear policy. It might have earned friends or foes, but whenever you were asked about it you said "I am neither Nasser nor Sadat, I am Hosni Mubarak". Is the present move in all directions your strategy or mere tactics in the process of formulating something?

A: I came in a period that differs from the previous ones. I have to build the economy and, for this, I have to work for stability. But I gain experience from the periods of my predecessors and begin a new period whose circumstances are quite different from the previous ones. I don't make haste but study matters well.

Q. Certain economic forces in Egypt eagerly say from time to time that economy is politics and that there ought to be a political expression for the economic activity.

Q. Please put that in colloquial language.

Q. I read an interview of Osman Ahmad Osman in *Al-Masdar* in which he said that Economy was politics and that it ought to have a political expression.

Q. Osman is not a politician... He has done a lot for the country and when you allow him to do business, you will make the best use out of him. Personally, I respect anyone who is making fruitful efforts and is producing something for the country. I have no intention of solving the economic problems at the expense of something else. Those working in the field of economy should confine themselves to that field for if they try to enter politics, I would tell them "No".

Q. I think Osman Ahmad Osman did not mean this. Sometimes when newspapers interview someone, one tends to say anything, especially when one is not a politician.

Q. Some foreign observers drew hints from the deputy socialist prosecutor and said that the rapacious gang which intends to corrupt the Egyptian economy was aiming to strike at the regime of President Mubarak.

Q. No... No... I don't think the deputy socialist prosecutor meant that. Basically, foreign cor-



pondents read papers and if one reads papers like them, one will break down. I am living with realities. Don't think that I am in the dark. Without using the usual machinery, I get informed because I contact many people... a wide cross section of people from whom I hear a variety of information that is sometimes wrong and I feel obliged to verify very quickly. Some times I discover that certain persons meet those whom I know, to pass through them exaggerated versions of the story to me.

Q. You have raised the slogan of fighting corruption since you assumed power. But the issue of fighting corruption is not the end of the road. There ought to be a plan for the second stage namely of complete social structure and social strategy for the post-corruption stage.

Q. What is corruption? It never ends, neither here nor anywhere in the world. In Egypt, we are trying our best. Where we find corruption, we refer it to the courts. We don't condone it. Our country is pursuing a social democracy course and we correct ourselves accordingly.

Q. Naturally this means that anybody found corrupt whoever he may be, will be referred to the courts.

Q. Such as who... There are those who said that Ismat Sadat was detained because I wanted to gain popularity, but I never thought of this. Many complaints were filed against Ismat Sadat. Personally, I harbor no grudge against anybody. I never like violations of the law. If I find one on the brink about to fall, I would warn him but once he falls, there is no way out. The law must take its course. I can't condone it.

Q. There are those who say that Ismat Sadat's case was unleashed to pave the way for striking at more serious and powerful forces of corruption.

Q. Does that mean that there is no corruption except in Egypt? Corruption is rife in the world. We may have six, seven, or ten cases of corruption here in Egypt compared to hundreds in other parts of the world. Corruption is in America, England, France and the Soviet Union.</

Indo-Bangladesh ties still bedeviled by Ganges waters

By William Chidlow

DHAKA, Bangladesh. (UPI) — Despite an interim accord three months ago that papered over a two-decade dispute over sharing of the waters of the Ganges river, India and Bangladesh remain far apart on a long-term solution to a problem that both sides regard as a matter of life and death.

Bangladeshi officials, while encouraged that the agreement reached in New Delhi in October between Indian Prime Minister

flow during the dry season.

According to the new agreement, the rate of the river's discharge will be altered every 10 days, as against every 30 days under the 1977 agreement.

The discharges agreed upon for the first 10 days of January, for example, are 40,000 cuses (cubic meters per second) for India and 58,500 cuses for Bangladesh, with the amounts to be scaled down progressively as the dry season sets in and the river begins to narrow. During the last 10 days of April,



GANGES RIVER: The focal point of the cultural development of the subcontinent for centuries, the Ganges River also supplies the lifeblood for millions of people in India and Bangladesh.

Indira Gandhi and Bangladeshi Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt. Gen. Hussein Muhammad Ershad had staved off a complete breakdown on the waters issue, stressed the urgency of finding a long-range solution before more flow from the Ganges without reaching this desperately poor and catastrophe-prone country.

"Being on the receiving end of this great river, we cannot afford to put off the solution every two years. For us, finding a permanent solution becomes more important as time goes by," Bangladeshi Agriculture Minister Ahsan Zafar Muhammad Obaidullah Khan said in an interview.

"At least, for the first time, both sides are seriously looking at each other's proposals, before discarding them. How far it will go, I do not know. Unless we can come to some understanding, it will be very difficult for us, because water is our lifeblood," the minister said.

The Ganges dispute, which has periodically soured relations between India and Bangladesh since the first eruptive flush of friendship after India helped Bangladesh win independence in 1971, was smoothed over temporarily on Oct. 6 when an existing sharing formula agreed upon in 1977 was extended for another 18 months, by which time the two countries must agree on a plan to augment the river's flow during the dry season.

The Ganges problem bears directly on the daily needs of 90 million of the world's poorest people during the parched months from January to the end of May.

Ever since Bangladesh split away from Pakistan 11 years ago, both sides have claimed they are entitled to a fair share of the Ganges water, which begins its flow in the Himalayan mountains of Nepal and courses through northern India and eastward through Bangladesh to the Bay of Bengal.

The Ganges is held by Indian Hindus in high esteem and historically has been a focal point of the cultural development of the sub-continent.

Both sides have consistently agreed on the need to augment the Ganges flow during the dry season, but they have differed sharply on how to achieve the objective. The five-year agreement that expired on Nov. 4, which was renewed with some modifications, gave Bangladesh approximately 60 percent of the

which is the driest period of the season. India will draw 20,500 cuses while Bangladesh receives 34,500 cuses.

Before India completed construction of a dam at Farakka, 11 miles upstream from the border, in 1975, a much larger portion of the Ganges flowed into Bangladesh. India built the dam to divert water to the Hooghly River and to flush silt from the approaches to its Calcutta port, claiming that silt buildups had made it impossible for deep-draft ships to reach either Calcutta or Haldia, a container port 55 miles downstream, for four months of the year.

The Indians justified the diversion on the basis that 90 percent of the 1,200-mile main channel of the Ganges flows through India. Bangladesh officials, however, counter that a third of their country's population depends on the Ganges for drinking, agriculture, fishery and transport; and that diversion has devastating consequences in the dry season.

Paradoxically, Bangladesh, with vast undeveloped areas and a density ratio of roughly 1,000 people to the square mile, is inundated by water during the monsoon season and the old density ratio to dry land can abruptly shift to 2,000 to the square mile.

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Mexico's clandestine prisons

By Gale Seckamp

MEXICO CITY (LOS) — Two members of Mexico's Revolutionary Workers Party were bundled into a car on Jan. 4 by two plainclothes policemen. Three days later a friend of one of the detained men was also abducted.

Their families and the National Front against Repression lobbied for their release but the authorities denied any knowledge of the case until Jan. 13. The three were released the next day. One of them, a veteran activist, said that he had been tortured.

This was the last publicized indiscretion of Mexico's 50-year-old Crime Prevention Force (DIPD), which was disbanded by presidential decree on the day the authorities were forced to admit that the three were in detention.

DIPD agents have a history of torture, murder and extortion. The organization was created in 1932 as the secret service. Under President Echeverria (1972-1976) it changed its name and functions to meet the challenge of the Communist guerrillas, in particular, the 23 September Group. The government also created the Falcons, a shock-force of young thugs trained by the military, and the White Brigade, an elite anti-insurgent force. The latter, cited in a number of torture cases, was disbanded in 1982, only to re-emerge under the names of Scorpion and Jaguar.

The resources of the ex-DIPD included 1,500 agents, hundreds of scientific specialists, the services of 3,000 *madrinas*, or criminal accomplices, and over 16 torture and detention centers in Mexico City.

Like controversial police bodies that still exist (including the Industrial and Banking



FLYING LESSONS: Peter Pan teaches Michael, John and Wendy Darling how to fly. Michael is played by Sinead Cassidy, John by Dean Lillie and Wendy by Bethany Bell. Right: Liza and Bird played by Ninele Mordant and Pam Deamer respectively.

(Photo: Tony Simpson & Arne Foster)

Peter Pan more than a match to E.T.

Flying high with the never-growing boy

By Jean Grant
Al-Khabar

AL-KHOBAR — How can E.T. hope to compete with the resourceful Peter Pan from Never Never Land? Like E.T., Peter Pan is extra-terrestrial, but he is more frisky, resourceful and daring. Not only does Peter Pan wear a human face, but he speaks clear-cut English as well. Surely he is a better role model for our children than E.T. who has a hard time coping with earthly existence.

The children who crowded into the Jan. 9-13 production of *Peter Pan* by the Bastage group loved the boy who would not grow up. Rather than sniffing like E.T. fans, these youngsters were crowing boisterously (Peter taught them how), hissing and boozing the wicked Captain Hook, and squealing with delight as Peter teaches the Darling children to fly. Through the quick imagination of children, the audience embarked on the grand adventure that took the wide-eyed Wendy and her three brothers flying off to join the Lost Boys in Never Never Land.

Connie Brandt's staging of *Peter Pan* is a triumphant celebration of humanism, as

alive today as it was 80 years ago when J.M. Barrie's play first hit the Victorian scene.

There is something for everyone in Brandt's exuberant production. For the children there is, of course, Never Never Land "where dreams are born and time is never planned;" adventures with swashbuckling-swordfighting pirates and tick-tocking crocodiles; and fabulous creatures like Tinker Bell and the Mermaid. Brandt, however, has not forgotten the adults. She enlivens the sentimental plot with a light sarcastic touch. The child may see Captain Hook as the very epitome of evil, but whenever Hook calls for a tune to help him think by (shall it be a tarantula, country hoedown of tango?), he becomes a figure of fun to the adult audience. So do the Indians as they chant Ugaawa, Ugaawa, and Tiger Lily as she smokes the peace pipe and feels "curiouser and curiouser."

The grown-ups get the best of both worlds. They can enjoy the wit of the play lost on the children. They also can take pleasure in guileless remarks like that of Peter Pan as he clutches a rock about to be submerged by the incoming tide: "to die will

be an awfully big adventure." Brandt assigned the roles of the lost boys to local children. In most productions these are given to adult actors, who are easier to direct. "I knew I was taking a chance," said the director who had not worked before with children. "It was going to be magic or mayhem." In the event he returned with magic. In rehearsals the children worked alongside the adults in the company. "They knew their lines sooner and were absolutely faithful in never missing a rehearsal," said Brandt, who described working with the children as "a complete joy." Before coming to Saudi Arabia, Brandt had worked in theater both as assistant director and actress in musical comedies in New York, Chicago, and Houston.

Another of Brandt's innovation was to cast a man as Peter Pan. Making a bold departure from a long tradition (it was Mary Martin who played the title role in the musical version of the play in 1954, winning great critical acclaim), Brandt picked youthful Geoff Costley for the lead, and he brought to the role boundless energy, and ethereal grace. And thanks to the special

stage effects, he could prove he can fly as best as any one of them. Costley is already well known to Bastage audiences for his virtuoso performance last spring in *Whose Life Is It Anyway?*

Wide-eyed Bethany Bell, just the age of the real Wendy, gives a sensitive interpretation of the heroine. At first reluctant to play mother to the Lost Boys because "I'm only a little girl," she soon gets into the role and shouts with gusto. "Come inside at once, you naughty children." When this "proud beauty" is bound to the mast by the evil Captain Hook, speaking for the mothers of the Lost Boys, she gives her parting message in bell-like notes ringing clear, "we hope our sons will die like English gentlemen."

Now how could such a spirited lass not demur when her proper Victorian mother, Mrs. Darling, gives her permission to visit Peter Pan once a year to do, of all things, his spring cleaning?

Arch-villain Captain Hook is hilariously played by Tony Bradley, who is to direct the next production of Bastage. *Peter Pan* will be a hard act to follow.

Relying on spy in the sky for security

By Howard Benedict

WASHINGTON (AP) — The security of the United States and Soviet Union has become increasingly dependent on spy satellites like the falling comsats, which can transmit photos showing the numbers on a license plate or a soldier's beard.

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The answer was easy: Cubans.

"Cubans play baseball. Russians play soccer. This base has a baseball field," explained an American intelligence official.

For years, U.S. space cameras have taken special notice of Soviet troop movements in and around Afghanistan and Poland, and last year a new focus was on the British-Argentine battle for the Falkland Islands. American officials say the Soviets launched

several satellites specifically to spy on the Falklands War and may have provided information on British ship and troop movements to Argentina.

The United States has more than 40 military satellites in space, about a dozen of them collecting intelligence. The Soviets in recent years have averaged more than 70 military

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Governments of countries on the path of *Cosmos* 1402's last orbit have taken civil defense measures and experts in the United States, Japan, France and West Germany have narrowed down their computer calculations of the re-entry.

A similar satellite, *Cosmos* 954, showered radioactive chunks on a remote area in Canada five years ago.

The intelligence-gathering satellites, it is generally agreed, have minimized the chance of surprise or miscalculation by one of the superpowers.

As U.S. President Jimmy Carter once said: "Photo reconnaissance satellites have become an important stabilizing factor in world affairs in the monitoring of arms agreements."

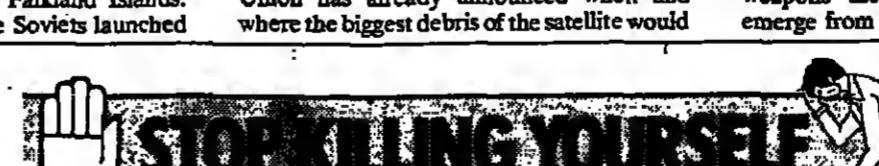
The United States operates two basic photo reconnaissance satellite systems, code-named Big Bird and KH-11. They can be maneuvered by ground command to photograph military installations, factories and farms, zooming in on specific targets. Accurate forecasts of Soviet crop production come from these pictures.

Big Bird periodically jettisons a capsule of film that is snagged out of the sky by an aircraft or helicopter as it parachutes toward the Pacific ocean.

Some KH-11 capabilities became known a few years ago because of the espionage trial of Edward Kampiles, a disgruntled CIA clerk who sold a KH-11 manual to a Soviet agent in Athens. The satellites turn what they see into electronic impulses and transmit them to earth, where they are reconstituted by computer into viewable photos.

The two satellite systems keep close watch on tank, ship, submarine and plane factories to determine what type of equipment and weapons the machines carry when they emerge from their sheds and hangars.

PRESENT STATUS OF DMSO



Dr. Peter J. Steinrohr M.D., F.A.C.P.

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohr: What's the present status of DMSO? I haven't heard much about it lately. Has the medical profession given up on it? As a sufferer from rheumatism for the past 20 years, I surely hope that some day we may hear that it's used for a cure. I have a friend who is writing away for a mail order of the drug. My doctor refuses to consider it in my case. — Mrs. V.

Dear Mrs. V.: The DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide) controversy goes on and on. Way back in the 1960s, DMSO was considered a medical panacea. It was used in treating arthritis and various infections. But complications such as cataracts led to its discontinuation about 1965. Further studies revealed no toxic effects from its prolonged use and in 1980, the FDA permitted continuing investigations. Trials are underway in assessing its effects on sprains, many types of arthritis and inflammation of the bladder.

Florida is one state that has legalized DMSO. But it warns physicians and others against prescribing industrial or veterinary grade DMSO for use by humans. The FDA and Arthritis Foundation also say there is a potential hazard in using the industrial product. There are three available preparations of DMSO. (1) A 50 percent solution, approved by the FDA for use in treating cystitis (bladder infection). (2) A veterinary product for use on horses and dogs for reducing swelling caused by injury. But this is labeled: For Veterinary Use Only. (3) The industrial solution contains impurities. This may be sold in stores and by mail order. There's no guarantee of purity or quality control for this type of DMSO.

For Mrs. U.: Many patients who are on reduction diets or who suffer from nasal congestion harm themselves innocently by buying over-the-counter medications that contain phenylpropanolamine hydrochloride. According to Robert D. Swenson, M.D. and associates, in some patients it has caused kidney failure and hypertension. To be doubly sure, check the labels on the medicines you buy — and then with your physician.

(Tomorrow: Weakening your heart)

Enthralling Paris array of antiques

By Madeline Moulin

PARIS (RF) — A meeting place for the greatest merchants and collectors from all over the world, the eleventh international biennial of antique dealers recently presented more than 10,000 objects, brought by some 80 exhibitors, at the Grand Palais in Paris. Most of the objects were French but some, provided by about fifteen of the dealers, came from England, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany.

It seems that all these dealers made a special effort last year to beat the economic crisis. The stands spread over 12,000 square meters, were set out in garden-museum style. Visitors could enter the ruins of a Greek building, an immense vessel or pass in front of the huge facade of a stone house. But the greatest effort was made with the objects on show; they included rare items of furniture, the most beautiful of art objects and jewels. This quality did not appear by chance, for the national trade union of antique dealers, which organized the event, had laid down very strict rules. Each object, item of furniture or painting was duly labeled on standard lists of data: description, restoration, period, and the whole exhibition was held under the vigilant eye of experts who did not hesitate to exclude, before the biennial opened, any object which did not seem to reach the required standard.

The inquisitive visitor was thus offered a real trip through history. Oo view was the first one-franc coin minted on Dec. 5, 1360, to pay the ransom of Jean le Bon, who was prisoner of the English. This gold coin, weighing 3.66 grams and measuring 27 mm in diameter, gave its name to France's national coinage, for the king was in this way "franc" or free of all debts. Another historical object was the commode offered by Louis VI to Madame de Pompadour and which bears the stamp of the castle of Bellevue where the marchioness lived. It is half-marked by one of the greatest cabinet-makers at the time, BVRB, i.e., Bernard Van Risenburgh.

Another item of great historical value was the two console-tables, engraved and gilded, which were ordered by Napoleon I for General Marais on the occasion of his wedding. This general had just won a number of victories during the Italian campaign. Other curiosities included a gold and ivory model of a ship made by a prisoner, and the oldest object in the collection (4,000-year-old) — an Egyptian alabaster vase. Among the book collections were the original editions of *Cherise de Parme* and *Le Rouge et le Noir* by Stendhal.

This event, the most important in the world in the domain of antiques, enables Paris to maintain and consolidate its place as an art center.

Last year Paris also hosted an exhibition of jewelry and gold and silverware. This covered an area of 47,000 square meters and catered for more than 1,000 exhibitors, who presented all the new trends, from home-craft creations to the leading brands. The show attracted 40,000 buyers including foreigners.

Soviets fail to attain economic goals in '82

MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (AP) — The Soviet Union's overall economic performance lagged well behind targets for 1982, according to key production figures released Saturday.

Industrial output last year grew by 2.8 percent, compared to 3.4 percent in 1981, and agricultural output by 4 percent, compared to a 2 percent decline in 1981, the official news agency Tass reported.

Labor productivity slumped below "planned indicators," the agency said, without providing a figure. It added that savings of raw materials, use of new equipment and technology also were off target.

Western analysts have already described the previously released industrial growth figure of 2.8 percent as the lowest rate of increase since World War II. Communist Party chief Yuri V. Andropov has called for improved labor discipline to combat the problem of declining efficiency.

Tass said Soviet grain production in 1982 "noticeably increased" compared with 1981, and that state grain resources were sufficient to "fully ensure" bread and bakery supplies for the population.

However, the agency did not provide a harvest figure for the second year running, apparently signifying another harvest well below Moscow's goal of 236 million metric tons.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated the 1982 Soviet grain harvest at

Cyprus trade with Gulf soars

ABU DHABI, Jan. 23 (WAM) — Cyprus has done business of more than \$24 million in the Gulf countries during the year 1981 which is more than 30 percent increase over 1980, the Dubai-based English newspaper *Gulf News* has reported.

The newspaper said Cyprus maintains an "excellent" trade relation with the Arab world and the Dubai-based Cyprus Trade Center has expressed its confidence that its trade mission's recent visit to the Gulf area has helped to increase the volume of trade between Cyprus and Gulf countries.

Saudi Arabia tops with \$42 million and UAE's trade share was \$16 million. Cyprus products are popular in the Gulf countries of Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and the Arab Republic of Yemen.

UAE has shown 15 percent increase in the import of Cyprus products in 1982 and more imports are expected, the newspaper quoted the director of Cyprus Trade Center in Dubai, George Hadjiaxentis as saying. The Dubai office is controlling the Cyprus trade in the Arab Gulf countries and comparatively 1983 would be a better year for Cyprus products in this area, Hadjiaxentis said.

180 million metric tons, up from an estimated 160 million metric tons in 1981.

USDA last month also predicted that Soviet grain imports in the 1982-83 import year ending June 30 will be 35 million metric tons, nearly a fourth less than last year's record 46 million metric tons.

Soviet oil production rose to 613 million tons (12.26 million barrels a day) in 1982, up from 609 million tons (12.06 million barrels a day) the previous year.

Although the country remained the world's largest oil producer, it failed again to achieve a growth figure in line with the target of reaching 630 million tons (12.60 million barrels a day) by 1983.

Other production figures for 1982 also showed the country was lagging behind growth targets set in the 1981-85 five year plan. Electricity production last year was 1.366 trillion kilowatt hours, barely ahead of the 1981 output of 1.325. The draft plan calls for production to reach 1.550 to 1.600 trillion kilowatt hours by 1985.

Natural gas production in 1982 was 501 billion cubic meters, well off the target of 526 billion cubic meters, but up from the 1981 production of 465 billion cubic meters.

Steel production last year amounted to 147 million tons, down two million tons from 1981. Coal output was 718 million tons, up 2 percent from 1981. Cement production was 124 million tons, down 3 percent from 1981.

Italy's unions strike wage accord

ROME, Jan. 23 (R) — Management and trade unions reached agreement on a reform of Italy's wage indexation system, ending months of negotiation and averting the imminent threat of severe labor conflict.

A government statement said the accord was signed Saturday by Labor Minister Vincenzo Scotti, the head of the employers' organization Confindustria, Vittorio Merloni, and leaders of the CGIL-CISL-UIL trade union confederation.

No details of the agreement were immediately disclosed but official sources said it involved a cut of about 15 percent in the automatic inflation-linked wage increases paid under the country's "scala mobile" wage indexation system and a package of related tax measures.

The seven-week-old government of Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani had made it clear its future depended on an agreement. Confindustria had threatened unilaterally to stop paying indexed wage rises next month if no accord was reached.

When the latest negotiations opened Jan. 11, Confindustria insisted a 25 percent cut in the rate of automatic wage increases was essential to contain labor costs and inflation.

The trade union federation, representing some nine million workers, initially proposed a maximum 10 percent reduction in the sys-

U.S. steel output drops to 59m tons

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP) — The U.S. steel industry experienced its worst year since 1958 last year, with production falling to 59 million tons, a report said Sunday.

Production capacity was down by about three million tons to 151 million, compared with 160 million tons in 1977, according to figures published in the specialist weekly *Iron Age*.

The number of workers employed by the industry also fell considerably during the year. In November 1982 it stood at only 231,000 against 365,000 a year earlier. Unemployment stands at the highest level ever registered since the American Steel Institute began to keep records in 1933.

Losses made by the seven largest steel corporations exceeded \$1 billion during the first three quarters of 1982, and could reach \$1.600 million for the year. During the third quarter, they made losses at a rate of \$2.700 million.

The cost of salaries in November had risen to \$26.29 an hour compared with 21.46 a year earlier.

Steel imports went down during the year to 17 million tons against 19.9 million in 1981, but their share of the total market was up to more than 22 percent in 1982, against 19 percent in 1981.

The only consolation, *Iron Age* said was that 1983 "could only be better". Production is expected to reach 73 million tons this year, according to the steel industry.

tem first introduced in 1944 and last reformed in 1975.

Scotti, who has led negotiations over the past 11 days, declared: "This accord shows the common objective of the government and the social partners to hold down inflation and relaunch our economy on an expansionary path."

Inflation in Italy reached 16.3 percent last year and the public sector deficit soared to some 71,000 billion lira (\$5.17 billion).

Official sources said the agreement also included provisions for a reduction in working hours next year and in 1985, income tax cuts for lower-paid workers and a government undertaking to try to hold price rises this year down to 13 percent. It set limits for industrial workers' wage increases to be negotiated over the next three years, they said.

The sources said the provisions for cuts in workers' hours of about 20 hours a year from the middle of 1984 had angered some members of Confindustria and Merloni threatened to resign shortly before the signature of the accord.

Paris aims at slashing trade deficit

PARIS, Jan. 23 (AFP) — While 1982 was the government's year for accentuating the struggle against inflation, 1983 will see a shift in emphasis to correcting the country's big trade and current account deficits, observers here believe.

The Socialist government that came to power in the spring of last year has gotten inflation down to around 10 percent, as it desired, and says it will be 8 percent this year.

But meanwhile, the trade deficit and shortfall on current account have become disaster areas, and the government — while maintaining its effort on the anti-inflation front — is going to devote more attention to working on these deficits, the observers believe.

The trade deficit for 1982 as a whole, according to provisional figures reported this past week, hit 92.3 billion francs, about 54 percent more than in 1981 — it was still somewhat lower than the 100 billion francs

Weekly commodities

Gold, silver prices surge to new heights

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Commodity trading continued to fluctuate nervously this week — a reflection of currency movements on foreign exchange markets.

Gold opened strongly, and eventually reached its highest closing level in 21 months before reacting. Silver moved to its highest in two and a quarter years, while copper reached a 17-month high.

Aluminum reached its highest for 16 months, zinc rose to a 12-month high and among foodstuffs, cocoa moved up to levels last seen 15 months ago. Gains were generally sharp but short-lived.

Rumors of major bank failures in the United States brought out speculative buying, as did press reports that Iran may close the Gulf of Hormuz. But these reports never substantiated and profits were quickly taken.

There was also talk of lower interest rates forthcoming in the United States and West Germany. But this never materialized.

Conditions tended to quieten down before the weekend as operators awaited the outcome of the latest OPEC oil-producers meeting in Geneva on Sunday, which is expected to produce new oil production quotas.

Gold: irregular. The bullion market

traded over \$500 an ounce for the first time since last September as the recent rise continued. But profits were taken later.

Early buying stemmed from expectations of a cut in the U.S. discount rate. Middle East interest was reported in New York and this resulted in solid support for London. Meanwhile, the London-based commodity dealer Boustead forecast in a bullish report that the gold price would rise over \$600 an ounce in 1983.

Copper: Irregular. Prices moved to their highest since August 1981 on reports that, because of an ongoing mining strike, Peru had extended its "force majeure" to cover all customers and all grades of metal. Later, southern Peru said that the strike would be settled soon. U.S. producers raised their prices at the beginning of the week, giving more incentive to buyers. But later they cut the prices again.

Aluminum: Very steady. Price fluctuations were much less and trading quieted. Prices could not quite hold their best levels which matched the highs of August 1981. Stocks fell a marginal 25 tons (one warrant) from their all-time high to 257,700 tons.

MERCHANTS outside the London Metal Exchange quoted the firm \$1,08/1,11 (against \$1,050/1,080) a metric ton.

Nickel: Irregular. Trading calmed down but was still busy as prices touched their highest since last September before profit-taking reversed the trend. Stocks increased by 690 tons to 7,662 tons, the highest since May, 1980. Merchants quoted a slight easing, \$1,75/2,05 (against \$1,78/2,08) lb.

Lead: Dull. This market remained in the shadows, although prices moved in line with the others. The stock increased of 675 tons to

World Bank's services lauded

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AFP) — World Bank programs to aid developing nations have worked well over the past decade, and plans to reduce them "would be very dangerous," a private economic study claims.

Robert Ayres, an economist with the Overseas Development Council, an independent research group, said he interviewed some 300 World Bank executives and examined numerous internal documents concentrating on the years 1969-1981, when Robert McNamara, a former U.S. defense secretary, headed the bank.

He said he specifically scrutinized programs instituted by the bank after the "Nairobi declaration" of 1973, wherein McNamara had stressed that classic theories of economic development largely ignored the poorest 10 percent of humanity, and that special programs were needed to deal with their problems.

Gomez Andino complained that the government has not taken the measures necessary to keep business afloat and instead has approved "demagogic" measures on behalf of public employees in efforts to ensure support for the ruling Liberal Party.

He mentioned no specific measures. The Liberal-controlled legislative chamber recently approved new pay benefits for government and some other employees.

The government says 500,000 people were unemployed in 1982, the highest ever in this country of 3.8 million people, the poorest in Latin America except for Bolivia.

In the past three years, businessmen have pulled about \$600 million from Honduras

the government had feared at one point last year when imports were growing fast and exports were lagging.

That figure results from the reported 5.9 billion franc deficit, seasonally adjusted, for December, down somewhat from the 6.9 billion francs record in November.

In addition, France's deficit on the balance of payments hit 81.6 billion francs last year, a very bad showing since it helps boost foreign indebtedness and also keeps downward pressure on the franc — already limping. The government has had to devalue the franc twice within the European Monetary System since coming to power, and is certainly unenthusiastic about the prospect of having to do it again before the March municipal elections — regarded in France as a barometer of public opinion on the government's performance.

To criticism that World Bank programs do not benefit the hard-core poor, the study says that while this may have been the case 10 years ago, "the bank's strongly increased anti-poverty lending belies the argument now."

The bank's total annual lending has increased from \$953 million in 1968 to \$12.4

billion in 1981, said Ayres, with about one-third of the loans going for rural or infrastructure projects benefiting the poor.

"The bank," he said, "never involved itself in blind reform" but rather aided its rural programs on increasing harvests and production.

Similarly, its urban programs have aimed at reducing slums and unemployment rather than modifying the distribution of income and Ayres, adding, "the bank was acting in a world of second best."

Ayres concluded that the World Bank in on the whole attained the goals it set for itself, citing as examples of success urban programs in Manila and Calcutta, and rural programs in Nigeria, Mexico and Tanzania.

He said greater success was realized in Africa — where "inappropriate techniques" were sometimes encountered — or South America — where "political problems" hampered programs.

Poles face 15% rise in prices

WARSAW, Jan. 23 (R) — Poland is planning 15 percent price rises on gas, electricity, coal, cigarettes, petrol, coffee, and some kinds of fish, the Warsaw daily *Zycie Warszawy* said.

Apartment rents would go up by 100 percent under the plan aimed at reducing a inflationary surplus of 450 billion zloty (\$5.2 billion) for which there were no good reasons, the newspaper said.

It quoted a statement Friday by Prime Minister Tadeusz Krasinski that workers and other groups would be consulted about the rises before they were introduced.

Earlier this month, the authorities announced increases of 100 to 200 percent in bus and train fares. Poland had a similar surprise when the government started to implement its economic reform last year while it country was under martial law.

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Major problem for next 20 years, ILO says

Silver lining eludes job front

LONDON, Jan. 23 (R) — The specter of massive unemployment has returned to haunt the world on a scale not seen since the 1930s, and there appears to be little prospect of relief for years to come.

From Detroit to Calcutta, from Buenos Aires to the ore mines of northern Sweden, the global recession and changing patterns of industry have thrown millions of workers out of their jobs.

François Blanchard, director-general of the Geneva-based International Labor Organization (ILO), predicts unemployment is likely to remain a major world problem for the next 20 years.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris estimates that almost 35 million people, or 9.5 percent of the workforce of the 24 industrial countries making up its membership, will be out of work by mid-1984.

The ILO says about 500 million people are unemployed or underemployed in the Third World. For everyone to have a job in the year 2000, it estimates one billion new jobs must be created.

While there are cautious predictions of economic recovery and expansion just over the horizon, it has become debatable just how these will affect the employment crisis.

German sociologist Ralf Dahrendorf, director of the London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE), believes that even if "supply-side" economics began to

grip in countries like the United States and Britain, it would not create many jobs. "I think we can have quite significant economic growth without reducing unemployment by more than 10 or 15 percent. Similarly, I think we can have very expensive job-creation programs without reducing unemployment by more than 10 or 15 percent," he said in an interview.

ILO chief Blanchard says growth alone will not be enough to stem the rise in unemployment. Indeed, he says "a return to full employment as it is conventionally understood in the industrialized world may not even be possible, even with growth and economic recovery."

Common Market Commissioner Ivor Richard, who is in charge of the European Community's employment policies, fears a "vast army of second-class citizens" is being created, with many school leavers never given the chance to work.

Officials of the 10-nation community, in its fourth year of economic recession, by around 12 million people were out of work last December, or 10.8 percent of the working population, compared to 10.3 million a year earlier. But the unemployment rate among people under 25 is a staggering 20 percent.

Belgrade to ration vital items

BELGRADE, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Belgrade residents will have to use ration tickets for certain scarce consumer goods from Feb. 1, as the capital comes into line with Yugoslavia's main cities, already well used to them.

The tickets will be used to buy coffee, cooking oil and detergents which vanished from shop counters two years ago — the rationing system is being introduced to ensure a fairer share for all and half grumbling.

But there is a nationwide shortage of many other goods, notably numerous indispensable

MEA reduces fares by 5 to 12%

BEIRUT, Jan. 23 (AFP) — The management of Lebanon's Middle East Airlines has reduced ticket prices by five to 12 percent following an increase in the exchange rate of the Lebanese pound, the press here reported Sunday.

The price drop, which only applies to tickets issued in Beirut, went into effect on Jan. 20, the reports said. The five percent reduction will affect flights between Beirut and other Middle Eastern countries and Africa, while tickets will cost 12 percent less for flights between Beirut, Europe, the Far East and other regions, the press said.

The company's losses for 1982 totaled 140 million Lebanese pounds (about \$35 million), according to the company's general director.

And officials estimate the community would have to create at least one million jobs annually for the next few years to have any effect on the employment problem. But with economic growth this year put at under one percent and the outlook uncertain for 1984 and beyond, there is little if any prospect of this being achieved.

Officials say that even during growth years in the 1970s the community's labor market was not expanding. "Unlike the U.S. labor market, which in some years was absorbing an extra four million workers, the number of jobs in the community has been static for a decade," one official said.

But even the statistics published by the community do not necessarily give an accurate picture, with governments computing their figures for political advantage.

Officials in Brussels say the British unemployment figure — currently over three million — understates the rise between 1981 and 1982 because of a changed method of calculation.

The official unemployment rate in Greece last December was given as 2.4 percent, but again officials say this was far lower than the actual situation.

Brazil set to honor foreign debts

BRAZILIA, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Brazil has practically finalized negotiations to repay its foreign debts this year and only needs a further \$300 million the central bank has said.

Of a total \$4.4 billion sought from European, Japanese, U.S. and Arab banks, only \$300 million still remained to be found, with central bank Governor Carlos Langoni due to visit the United States next week to finalize the negotiations, the bank said.

Brazil, which is unable to meet loan payments this year on both the \$4.7 billion principal of its debt, and on its short-term trading debt of \$4 billion, has obtained credits amounting to 97 and 82 percent respectively from international banks.

The authorities are also hoping to speedily obtain interbank credit lines for 1982 totaling \$10 billion.

Langoni said Brazil's foreign debt last year totaled \$68.4 billion, plus \$12.5 billion in short and medium-term loans — including \$8.8 billion in commercial credit, \$2.3 billion in debts to trading banks, \$900 million to the U.S. Treasury and \$500 million to the Basel-based Bank for International Settlements. Brazil does not include short-term credits in its balance of payments, he said.

UAE bank to open branch in Japan

ABU DHABI, Jan. 23 (WAM) — The National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) which is represented in nine countries will shortly open a new office in Japan, a bank official said.

The bank's offices in the nine countries include branches in Bahrain, Egypt, France, Oman, Singapore, Sudan, Tunisia, United Kingdom and the United States, the Dubai-based English Daily Gulf News reported Sunday.

Its American representation is through a wholly owned subsidiary, the Abu Dhabi International Bank, Inc. (ADIB) which opened in Washington in early 1981, the paper said.

ADIB holds a full federal charter banking license granted by the U.S. comptroller of the currency. Its U.S. corporate program is concentrated on the energy industry, capital goods exporters and construction, contracting and engineering companies, particularly those with an existing or prospective affiliation with the Arab business world.

ADIB coordinates the NBAD group's activities throughout the Americas and has participated in several syndicated loans to Latin American borrowers. It has also participated in several international financing deals with the International Finance Corporation, a subsidiary of the World Bank. At the end of 1981, ADIB had a loan portfolio of \$61.2 million and a total balance sheet footing of \$355.5 million.

The bank's shareholders now comprise over 4,000 UAE citizens.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates record rise

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 (AFP) — With the closure of the European markets Sunday, the local bourses experienced a quiet trading day but the number of transactions were up over the previous weekend closings. Riyal deposit rates began to edge up again but the rises were erratic and most dealers were not utterly convinced that riyal deposit rates would continue to rise as fast as now predicted.

Liquidity is still coming into the market and riyal rates are depressed at around the 6½ percent levels. On Sunday, the week-fixed deposit rose to 7½ percent levels but by close of business rates had fallen to 7 percent showing the volatility of the present market.

In the longer-dated funds the ooe-year deposit was quoted around 8½-8¾ percent

levels compared to the 7½ percent levels one week ago. Most dealings still concentrated in the short-dated funds and the one-month JIBOR was quoted around 6½ - 7 percent levels but the Bahrain based OBU's — offshore banking units — were not aggressive players in the Sunday market.

The local dealers are divided in their opinion over the Monday opening levels but the feeling is that riyal deposit rates could rise over the short-term due to the present money market uncertainties but that rates could still go either way over the long-term.

On the exchanges, the spot riyal/dollar rates were quoted at around 3.4403-08 levels compared to 3.4398.05 levels one week ago when the dollar was weaker. The next week should prove interesting but probably volatile.

Japan poses threat to West's industry

LONDON, Jan. 23 (R) — Newly industrializing countries of the Third World pose far less of a threat to Western industry than does Japan, a high-level committee of bankers and businessmen says in a report published Sunday.

The British-North American committee, a non-profit organization set up to study economic questions, says that, in contrast with Japan, newly industrializing countries have consistently imported more manufactured goods from the industrialized countries than they have exported to them.

In 1974 to 1976, their purchases of industrial goods from developed countries helped pull the world from recession after the first oil crisis. And most of the newly industrializing countries also remain open to foreign investment, the report says.

Japan is under strong pressure from the United States and the European Economic Community to cut its exports and open up its domestic market to more foreign goods. The world trading system would have a hard time surviving another Japan: A system of one-directional concessions and unreciprocated market access cannot be politically

BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AFP) — Some 58,435 gold coins worth nearly \$30 million have been exchanged at the American stock exchange here since it opened a coins section a year ago, official sources said here. Most popular were the South African Krugerrand (\$3,140 sales) and the Canadian Maple Leaf (\$4,187 sales). Next in popularity were the Austrian 100-Crown Piece and the Mexican \$50-Peso Piece.

ROME (AFP) — The privately-owned Italian industrial giant Fiat boosted its investments remarkably last year and can now approach the future with more confidence. Fiat President Giovanni Agnelli has said. In a letter to shareholders giving provisional results, he said that Fiat chalked up consolidated sales of nearly \$15 billion last year — two percent higher than in 1981.

WASHINGTON (R) — New orders received by U.S. manufacturers of durable goods rose a record \$8.45 billion or 12.0 percent in December to a seasonally adjusted \$79.16 billion, the Commerce Department said.

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With Kapil striking early

India keeps Pakistan in check

LAHORE, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — India and Pakistan shared the honors on the opening day of the fifth cricket Test at the Qaddafi Stadium here Sunday.

Pakistan, after Gavaskar had won the toss and sent them in, for once lost the bite of the Indian attack. But their batsmen regained the initiative after an early collapse to see them through to 224 for five at the close. Mudassar Nazar (99 not out) and Imran Khan (13 not out) were at the crease.

Except for the period in which Mudassar and Miandad were there in the middle, the Pakistanis were kept in tight check by the Indian bowlers. Mudassar and Miandad were not afraid to play their strokes and it was only due to their aggressive display that Pakistan crossed the 200 mark.

Pakistan began their innings with Mohsin Khan and Mudassar Nazar. But they suffered an early shock when Mohsin Khan was caught by Srikkanth off Kapil Dev at Pakistan's total of 22. Soon after this, Pakistan's

second wicket fell at the total of 26 runs with Majid Khan, recalled to Test, failing to open his account.

It was the third-wicket 148-run partnership between Mudassar Nazar and Javed Miandad who stemmed the rot and consolidated the position of the home team. Miandad was caught by Viswanath off Maninder Singh at his individual score of 85 runs.

Score-board

Pakistan (1st Innings)	
M. Khan c Srikkanth b Kapil Dev	99
M. Nazar batting	0
J. Miandad c Viswanath b Maninder Singh	85
Z. Abbas c Kansai b Kapil Dev	13
S. Malik b Maninder Singh	6
Imran Khan batting	13
Extras:	1
Total: (for 5 wkt.)	224

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-26, 3-174, 4-191, 5-202. Bowlers: Kapil Dev 19-4-65-3; Sandhu 12-1-31-0; Sehdev 16-2-57-0; Maninder Singh 25-6-67-2.

In One-Day match

Aussies thrash England

MELBOURNE, Jan. 23 (AFP) — A record crowd for a One-Day cricket game of 84,153 watched Australia stage a dramatic recovery defeat England by five wickets here Sunday.

England were put in to bat and managed a highly respectable 213 for five mainly on the basis of Allan Lamb's brilliant knock of 94. The total looked even better as early morning drizzle had reduced the over limit to 37. In reply Australia hit ferociously to total 217 for five in 34.4 overs.

In scenes reminiscent of a football final the crowd howled with delight as openers John Dyson (54) and Allan Border (54), then David Hookes (50) and Greg Chappell (32 not out) slaughtered wayward English bowlers.

Score-board

England	
C. Tavarne c Lillee b Rackemann	20
L. Botham c Lillee	19
D. Gower c Marsh b Rackemann	6
A. Lamb c MacLay (sub) b Lillee	94
D. Randall not out	51
L. Gonda b Hogg	5
T. Jenny not out	3
Extras:	1
Total (for 5 wkt.)	213

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-26, 3-66, 4-205, 5-202. Bowlers: Lillee 8-2-50-2; Hogg 7-0-36-1; MacLay 8-0-41-2; Chappell 7-0-33-0; Maguire 7-0-34-0.

Australia	
J. Dyson run out	54
A. Border run out	54
D. Hookes c Gower b Cowans	50
K. Hughes c Miller b Cowans	6
G. Chappell not out	32
R. Marshall run out	8
K. Westgate not out	8
Extras:	5
Total (for 5 wkt.)	217

Fall of wickets: 1-55, 2-157, 3-171, 4-174, 5-198. Bowlers: Willis 6-4-1-29-0; Cowans 6-0-46-2; Botham 7-1-45-0; Pringle 7-0-47-0; Miller 6-0-42-0.

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Borg announces retirement

BANGKOK, Thailand, Jan. 23 (AP) — Swedish tennis star Bjorn Borg announced his retirement from competitive tennis here Sunday, saying he no longer had the competitive spirit which led him to five Wimbledon and six French Open championships.

Borg's coach Leonard Bergelin said



Borg ... calls it a day

from his hotel here that Borg made the announcement to reporters who were following his exhibition matches in Thailand. Bergelin said Borg would play one more tournament on the Volvo Grand Prix circuit at Monte Carlo in the first week of April. He would continue playing exhibitions, he added.

The decision to retire caps a 10-year career in professional tennis for the 26-year-old Swede. Bergelin said that Borg had planned to make the announcement on his upcoming trip to the United States. He added that persistent press reports in the past few days had led him to make the announcement Sunday.

Borg regarded his decision as "nothing special." Bergelin said Sportswear companies that sponsor Borg had already been informed of his decision to quit. Bergelin said.

On Friday the public relations man for Diadora in Rome said that the company had been asked to meet Borg's lawyers on Jan. 28, and they expected to bear the cost of Borg's retirement.

In Kitzbuhel

Stenmark glides to 2nd win

KITZBUHL, Austria, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden scored his second Men's Alpine Skiing World Cup victory of the season, the 69th of his illustrious career, in the Hahnenkamm slalom here Sunday.

But the real victor was Phil Mahre of the U.S. who was third in the slalom, and after his performance in the downhill Saturday won the combined to edge closer to the World Cup overall leaders, Peter Mueller and Pernille Zurbriggen of Switzerland.

Stenmark's first run of 53.70 sec left the result in little doubt, and a second run of 51.73 sec gave him a combined total of 1:45.43, a respectable 0.94 sec ahead of his closest challenger Christian Orlansky of Austria.

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Leadership alarmed

Oslo's anti-nuclear front gains strength

OSLO, Jan. 23 (AFP) — A strong anti-nuclear movement is developing in Norway, a NATO country that has long sought to keep tension out of its ties with the Soviet Union—which has huge military installations just over the border.

The movement began after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization decided in Dec. 1979 to deploy 572 Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles to counter Soviet medium-range missiles already aimed at strategic targets in Western Europe. Since then, it has grown steadily. Last November, it even threatened the longtime consensus on military matters in Norway's parliament.

Then, Prime Minister Kaare Willoch's center-right coalition won by a single vote a funding resolution for Norway's \$423,000 share of the missile deployment.

Moreover, the movement, called "No to Nuclear Arms" also plans a campaign in schools and enterprises in which 500,000 copies of an appeal against the missiles will be distributed.

The leadership in Oslo seems alarmed at the movement's success, although it insists that it still holds to the policy of low tension with Moscow. The policy seems well-advised. Norway and Turkey are the only two NATO countries that have borders with the Soviet Union, and some of the biggest Soviet milita-

ary bases are just beyond the Norwegian border.

Under the policy, Norway has no nuclear weapons and prohibits their stationing on its soil in peacetime. Moreover, it bans the presence of foreign troops and bases on its soil, and prohibits any NATO exercises less than 500 kms from its 196-km border with the Soviet Union. Despite these limits, Pravda last week called Norway a "NATO firing range" because of its agreement to allow NATO to hold its annual winter maneuvers there in March.

Officials believe the anti-nuclear movement is not directed against NATO itself. They note that polls each year show that between 60 and 70 percent of the population remains favorable to NATO, and more than 80 percent agrees that a military force is necessary to defend the country. Its strategic position between the Soviet Union and sea lanes to North America makes Norway's role in NATO extremely important. Because of that position and its inability to get its Nordic neighbors to create a defense pact—Sweden wanted neutrality—Norway became a NATO charter member in 1949.

Norway has an army of 42,000 well-trained soldiers. With a population of 4.1 million, the country thus has the highest mobilization rate in NATO. It is also one of the few NATO countries to have fulfilled a commitment to increase its military budget by more than three percent per year in real terms.

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U.K.'s Scotland Yard may be reorganized

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Home Secretary William Whitelaw will announce in parliament Monday a series of measures to reorganize the London police force and make it more directly responsible to local authorities. *The Mail on Sunday* reported Saturday.

The reorganization, which the paper said would be the largest since the war, will decentralize Scotland Yard's control over routine police operations and certain administrative powers. These will henceforth be under the control of each of the four police divisions in the capital.

The special intervention team that handles anti-riot operations will also be renamed and placed under the four divisions.

Twenty-four new "watchdog committees" will be formed from among representatives of local associations and elected officials to review police action in the city.

London, Jan. 23 (AP) — Britons mistrust American leaders' judgment and oppose the siting of U.S. nuclear cruise missiles in Britain by next December according to an opinion poll published in the *Sunday Times*.

Asked about the judgment of U.S. leaders, only 9 percent of those questioned said they have sound judgment and 16 percent said they could be trusted to keep their word, according to the survey conducted by Market and Opinion Research International for the *Sunday Times*.

Three percent said Soviet leaders have sound judgment and 5 percent said the leaders could be trusted, the survey said. The depth of British mistrust of President Ronald Reagan was confirmed, said the *Sunday Times*, by respondents' answers to questions concerning Cruise missiles.

Irish opposition says

British Embassy phones tapped

DUBLIN, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Ireland's opposition Fianna Fail Party, stung by a scandal over its use of bugging when in power, on Saturday charged that the ruling government coalition had monitored British Embassy phone conversations during previous spells in office.

But at the last minute, the party postponed without explanation the release of a statement detailing this charge and others concerning the bugging of a political party's headquarters and a journalist's conversations. According to Fianna Fail members, the statement was by ex-Justice Minister Sean Doherty, one of two ministers in former Prime Minister Charles Haughey's government who resigned as opposition spokesmen Friday in the wake of the scandal. The other was former Deputy Premier Ray McSharry. A day earlier Ireland's police chief and one

of his deputies also resigned after revelations that the police had, under Doherty's orders, bugged the phones of two political journalists and had supplied McSharry, at his request, with a tape recorder so that he could record a conversation with a fellow cabinet minister.

Fianna Fail was defeated in elections in December and replaced by a Fine Gael-Labor coalition led by present Premier Garret Fitzgerald.

According to Fianna Fail Party sources, the unpublished statement by Doherty would have leveled charges of bugging by the Fine Gael-Labor Coalition which governed Ireland from 1973 to 1977 under former Premier Liam Cosgrave and by Fitzgerald's first coalition which held power from 1981 to 1982. The sources said the charges would have implicated present government members.

Shagari's Delhi talks to cover March summit

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (AFP) — The nonaligned summit meeting here in March and Indo-Nigerian relations will be two main topics during the four-day visit here of Nigerian President Shehu Shagari beginning Tuesday, Indian officials said Sunday.

Nigeria is an important member of the 97-member nonaligned movement and the "Group of 77" developing countries, and as such the discussions have a particular significance as the summit approaches and the drafts are being prepared, the officials said. Shagari will meet Indian President Zail Singh and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi after his arrival early Tuesday. On Wednesday, he will be chief guest at the Republic Day parade, and is expected to have more talks with Mrs. Gandhi Thursday.

President Shagari will also receive a doctor of science degree at the GVP University at Pant Nagar and attend a dinner given by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries.

A trade agreement is expected to be signed Jan. 25. India has some 22 joint ventures in operation in Nigeria, with four more in the pipeline. It is also involved in consultancy and construction projects and has been importing 500,000 tons of oil from Nigeria annually in the last few years.

Two-way trade amounts to \$1.800 million with Indian exports accounting for only \$530 million, mainly machinery, transport equipment, chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals.

Jumbo starves after tamer's desertion

BILBAO, Jan. 23 (AP) — A nine-year-old elephant starved herself to death after her German tamer abandoned the Jumbo circus three months ago, the Spanish news agency EFE reported Saturday.

The elephant named "Vicky" began to starve and finally died when her tamer had to leave the circus at nearby town of Durango, last November. The agency said "Vicky" was unable to bear the absence of her tamer and she failed to eat since then until she died at night, under cold weather of five degrees centigrade below zero (23F). The agency failed to say when the elephant died.



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Solidarity fund theft by leaders alleged

WARSAW, Jan. 23 (AFP) — The outlawed trade union Solidarity was heavily in debt and had few assets at the time martial law was imposed in Poland, the head of the committee administering assets of unions officially banned last October has alleged.

In an interview published Saturday by the official news agency PAP, Piotr Karpinski said Solidarity's financial condition was in stark contrast to that of other worker organizations. He also charged that former Solidarity members and those who had gone underground had "stolen" from Solidarity and said legal action would be taken against them.

After checking the books of half Solidarity's branches, authorities found that the union had some 800 million zlotys. But its debts were much higher. Assets of the then 10-million-strong union were mainly print and communications equipment and stocks of "anti-socialist publications."

By contrast, other unions which together

had far fewer members, possessed 4,000 to 5,000 million zlotys. They owned 40 sanatoriums, 71 houses and convalescent homes, more than 20 administrative buildings, clubs, a publishing company, apartment blocks, two construction enterprises and some 400 cars, buses and delivery vehicles, Karpinski said.

Karpinski charged that Solidarity leaders were "surprisingly irresponsible in money matters and ignorant of basic principles of money management."

He said they failed to keep inventories and sometimes would transport large amounts of cash in a briefcase.

Solidarity's assets have been turned over to their "legitimate owners"—new unions which have been set up by the military rulers and will be authorized to represent workers at the national level after December 31—the official said.

Sino-Indian talks open Jan. 29

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Indian and Chinese officials will resume crucial border talks in Peking Jan. 29, but with little apparent hope of accord.

The five-member Indian delegation, headed by external affairs ministry official K.S. Basappa, will not carry a new proposal for the talks—the third series since the two-round round here in May 1982 that China came forward with five new points to reinforce its original six principles, and India in turn presented what were described as six working proposals. All these points revolved around concepts of peaceful co-existence, but made no fresh contribution to an equitable settlement.

The original Chinese six points included calls that certain geographical features like watersheds, river valleys and mountain passes, and the national feelings of the two peoples, should be taken into consideration.

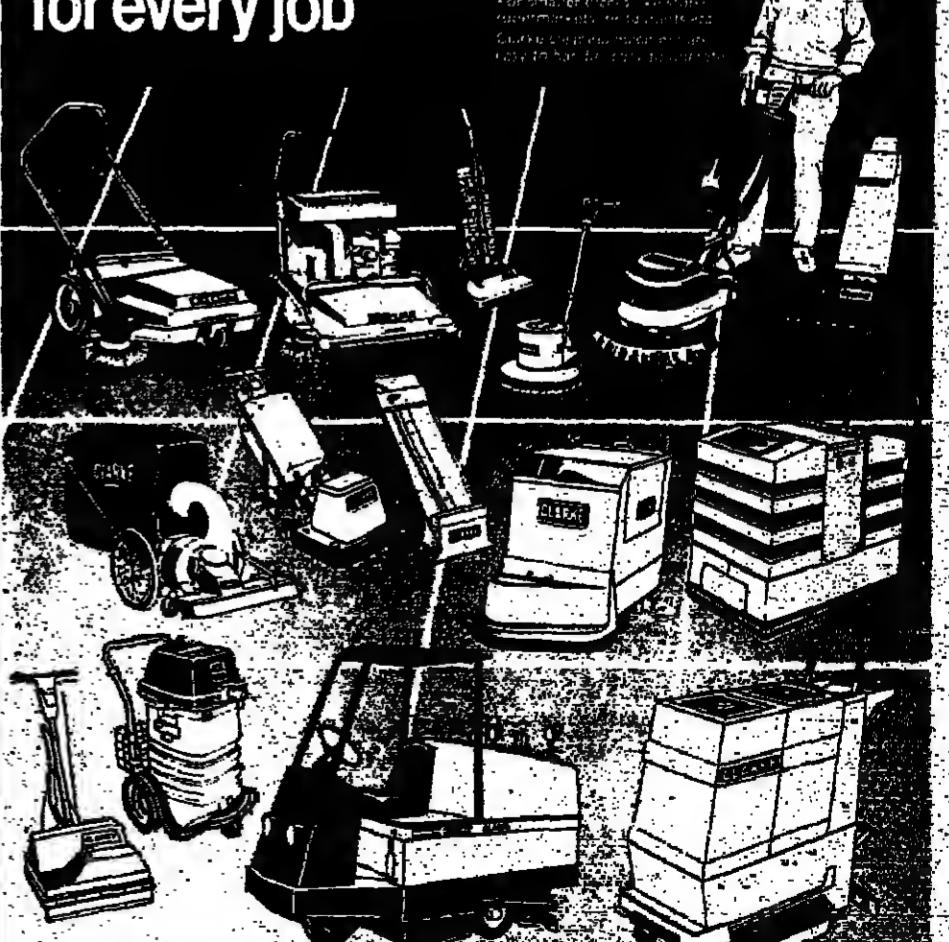
China also noted that a line of actual control had come into existence with the two countries exercising administrative control on either side of the border.

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